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The Sansone Group, TA Associates Realty and Koch Development Are Recognized for Commitment to Safety

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October 21, 2009, CLAYTON, Missouri . . . in a presentation at the October 13, 2009 Clayton Board of Aldermen meeting, Assistant Fire Chief Paul Mercurio commended two property owners for their commitment to creating safer environments for their tenants and for the visitors to their properties. Automatic fire sprinkler retrofit projects are near completion in the office buildings at 130 South Bemiston and 222 South Central Avenues. The Sansone Group, TA Associates Realty and Koch Development were recognized for their commitment to the community and for creating safer environments, not only for their tenants, but also for the firefighters who may be summoned to fight a fire.

In addition to setting a safety benchmark with the sprinkler retrofit project, the Building Modification Agreements that were established in October 2003 between the property owners and the City created a valuable partnership; a partnership that serves as a model for other building owners and enhances the City's commitment to providing a high level of services to the community.

“The completion of these projects is significant, because the most effective fire loss prevention and reduction measure to both life and property is the installation and maintenance of fire sprinklers,” said Fire Chief Mark Thorp. “The City of Clayton commends the Sansone Group, TA Associates Realty and Koch Development for their commitment to the safety of tenants and visitors to these buildings and for efforts that will benefit the community for decades to come.”

There 40 high-rise structures in the City of Clayton; 26 are fully protected with automatic fire sprinklers. The City continues working with the 14 remaining building owners to encourage them to consider building modification agreements.

In addition to promoting fire safety in commercial buildings, the City also encourages residential property owners to install fire sprinkler systems. # # #